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1. THOUGHT YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT N.Y. TIMES DEC. 11 REPORTS THAT EIGHT RELATIVES AND FORMER EMPLOYEES OF DAVID GRAIVER HAVE BEEN SENTENCED TO UP TO 15 YEARS IN JAIL BY AN ARGENTINE COURT-MARTIAL, WHICH IS QUOTED AS SAYING THE PUNISHMENT IS "AN EXAMPLE OF THE PENALTIES THAT APPLY TO PEOPLE WHO COLLABORATE, EVEN AGAINST THEIR WILL, WITH LEFT-WING GUERRILLA GROUPS IN ARGENTINA." (GRAIVER IS THE BANKER ACCUSED OF HAVING INVESTED MONEY ABROAD FOR GUERRILLAS, WHO WAS ALLEGEDLY KILLED IN 1976 IN AN AIR CRASH.)

2. GRAIVER'S FATHER, WIDOW, AND A BROTHER RECEIVED MAXIMUM 15 YEAR SENTENCES. HIS MOTHER WAS SENTENCED TO FOUR YEARS, THE LIGHTEST SENTENCE. ACCORDING TO THE TIMES, THE MILITARY COMMUNIQUE SHED NO FURTHER LIGHT ON THE BASIS FOR THE CHARGES, OR ON THE GROUNDS FOR CONVICTING HIS FAMILY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES.

3. ACCORDING TO THE TIMES, DIPLOMATIC SOURCES SAY THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT PRESIDENT VIDELA WILL NOW BE ABLE TO ORDER THE RELEASE OF JACOBO TIMMERMAN, WHO EARLIER HAD BEEN CLEARED OF CRIMINAL CHARGES IN THE PROCEEDING.

4. TIMES ALSO STATES THAT ELSEWHERE IN BA ARMED MEN IN FIVE AUTOMOBILES RAIDED A MEETING OF RELATIVES OF MISSING PEOPLE AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC HOLY CROSS PARISH, AND DETAINED ABOUT 25 OF THEM. PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WAS TO RAISE MONEY TO PLACE AN ADVERTISEMENT IN NEWSPAPERS WITH THE NAMES OF MISSING RELATIVES. (THESE ARE THE MOTHERS WHOSE SONS AND HUSBANDS ARE MISSING, KNOWN AS THE "MAD WOMEN OF THE PLAZA DEL MAYA.")

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